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On October 13, 1975, in response to a request of Br. Jones Mick, Blass Member of the SEC, Mr. Tangell was deposed in a recu on the cirth floor of the Cerroll Area Rotel by Mr. Dich. Mr. John T. Elliss, also a Staff Manhor of the SEC, participated during portions of the quanticular of Waamall and the questions and answers were recorded by Mr. Alfred H. "Fred" Ward of Ward and Faul Stenographic Reporters, les. The deposition concerned matters relating to FBI mail intercept programs and the receipt by the FBI of certain material resulting from a CIA mail intercept program.

Mr. Dick began taking the deposition at 3:00 p.m. and it was completed at 6:15 p.n. Mr. Dick advised Wannell that be had been placed under eath by Besater Michard S. Schweiker of Pennsylvania on October 3, 1975, when Wannall was deposed with regard to another matter and Wannall should consider himself as being still under cath for the purposes of the current deposition. Vennall was advised of his rights and was told that since a Sometor was not propert to could request a discontinuace at any time. to vos further addaged de devis ed blocs ed bas bebraces ed bluce asliess ed tads opportunity to review the transcription at a later date.

Director Clarence H. Kelley of the FET had proviovely released Vannall from his secreary agreement to permit his deposition with respect to the antiers covered.

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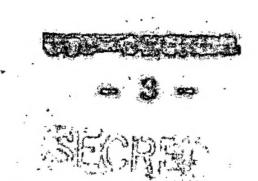
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noted that the initials at the bottom of the memorandum indicated it had been approved at least by former Associate Director Clyde A. Tolson and it was possible the memorandum had gone into former Director Moover's office, although this could be established only by checking the time stamp on the reverse side of the one-page memorandum.

The third exhibit chown to Vannall was a memorandum dated May 15, 1963, from Wannell to W. C. Sullivan captioned "Bureau Informant 200 - Policy." This memorandum did not contain the initials of Vannall but he acknowledged that he had read elthor the memorandum or a copy of it. This memorandum had also been initialed by Mr. Tolson and had been propored for the purpose of sending to CIA an evaluation of 347 separate items received by the FEI as a result of the Munter-Vince coverage. It was recommended that an attached memorandum containing the results of this evaluation be furnished CIA Pror assistance of that agency in evaluating the program and reinstitution." A sentence had been handwritten after this recommendation and the bandwriting was recognised as being that of former Assistant to the Director Alan M. Bolmont, and this was called specifically to Mr. Dick's attention. Mr. Belmont's sentence read "CIA will be told the decision is up to them."

Responding to specific questions, Wannall acknowledged that he was aware of the foregoing information that CIA's New York project which produced the Cuban mail operated for approximately one month beginning in February, 1963, and that to the best of his knowledge only 347 separate items, those evaluated in the Hay 15, 1963, memorandum, were received. Wannall said that Mr. Belmont's written sentence on the memorandum was interpreted by Rannall as an instruction to convey to CIA the fact that the FBI was not requesting a continuance or reinstitution of the Nunter-Vince coverage but that this decision should be made by CIA.

The next three items exhibited to Wannall were (1) a Rerox copy of an airtel dated December 21, 1968, sent from the Director, EDI, to the Special Agent in Chargo (SAC), Wiami, captioned Penetrate, Espionage-Cuba;" (2) a Herox

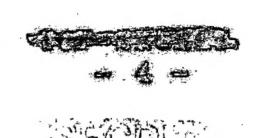


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copy of an mirtal dated June 23, 1985, addressed to the Director, PBI, by the SAC, Hiemi, captioned "Joe Survey, Espionage-Cube;" and (3) a Merox copy of an airtel dated July 22, 1966, addressed to the Director, FBI, Attention: Inspector William S. Myde, by the SAC, Mismi, clas captioned "Joe Survey, Espionogo-Cubo." These communications revealed that on December 19, 1968, Guick Postal Importor M. D. Montague gave his opproval for an FOI plan to screen mail in Hismi and instructed the Mami Office to proceed with this screening on January 2, 1963, exter the rush of Christmas mall. The necessity for discrectness and the procedures for bandling the initial inspection of mail word act forth and it was pointed out that if it became noccessery for any of the letters of the subject, (Ponetrate, (S) (a code name for a thon unidentified Cuben Intelligence Agent) to be sent to the FBI Laboratory in Weshington for special processing, this would have to be handled by a Mismi Office Agent who should personally take the letter to the Laboratory by plane and them return it to Wieni for insertion in the normal mail flow after processing by the Laboratory.

Inspector Montague had been briefed to the extent that he was told the FBI would be opening mail. Usunail called Mr. Dick's attention to a note on the yellow file copy which indicated that the FBI had originally intended to use the pouch of commercial airlines pilots to transmit from Hismi to Washington; however, Mr. Lontague wanted mail to be handled only by Bureau Agents. Wannell said that while he had no knowledge as to the scope of the briefing of Mr. Montague, it would appear that he was aware of the fact that mail would be removed from normal mail channels although it was not felt that it could be stated from the note that Mr. Montague was told that the envelopes would be opened and the contents reviewed and processed.

The second item in this series was advice from the Hismi Office that Mr. J. A. Callahan, Assistant Inspector in Charge, U.S. Post Office, Atlanta, Georgia, contacted the Mismi Office concerning this mail intercept



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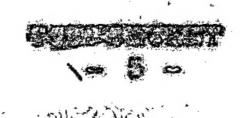
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program which carried the code words "Joe Survey" and want over the details of the operations at the request of Mr. Montague. It was reported that Callahan told the Mismi Office that due to investigations by Senate and Congressional Committees Mr. Montague had requested he be advised of the procedures used in this operation. Mr. Callahan was said to have stated that he had no criticism to offer after the procedure was discussed and, according to his conversation with Mr. Montague, he planned to give his approval to the operation and it would be continued.

The third exhibit in this series, the sirtel from Diami dated July 22, 1966, reported that the Joe Survey had been discontinued as of July 21, 1986, in accordance with Dureau instructions and that Postal Inspector Maurice Compbell had advised that he felt sure the survey could be resitable. Listed at any time 12 so desired by the Dureau.

Wannall was asked by what means the Emreau had instructed that the Joe Survey be discontinued and he responded that he did not have knowledge regarding this. Asked if he knew why it was discontinued, he stated that it was his recollection that former Director Moover in July, 1966, ordered a discontinuance of certain techniques which had been theretofore utilized and he felt that the interception of mail was one of the techniques discontinued as a result of hr. Neover's instructions.

Responding to specific questions, Wannall stated that as he recalled the interception of mail in the Joe Survey had resulted in the identification of Penetrate and one other Cubau Intelligence Agent, both of whom were sending letters to Cuban intelligence mail drops abread. He further advised that from a review of material available in FBI files, he had learned that approximately 400 letters had been opened during the course of the Joe Survey and that in 60 instances secret writing was discovered either on the envelopes or on the contents of the envelopes. He said it was his understanding that in establishing the presence of the secret writing no damage resulted to the letters or envelopes and that the mail was placed back into postal channels



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for forwarding to the addresses normally within the matter of a day. Since mail from the United States to Cuba at that time was not flowing regularly because of the disruptions in relations between the Cuban Government and the United States Government, Vannall knew of no situations wherein suspicions were aroused by reason of the fact that there were delays in the transmittal of the mail.

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Mr. Elliss acked for the identification of the source whoreby the Euroan became aware that a Cuban Intelligence Agent who was given the code name (Penetrate, ")5) because his identity was not known at the outset of the Joe Survey, was, in fact, operating in Puerto Rice. Wannall stated that in heeping with the agreement between the Repartment of Justice and the SEC, he was unable to disclose this source. Mr. Illiss asked if Cannall was able to state whether this source was a mail intercept. Whunall told him that the source was not a mail intercept which satisfied Mr. Elliss's interests in this natter.

Within the PBI who had given approval to this operation. He was informed that a memorandum dated November 26, 1962, from Wannall to W. C. Sullivan captioned (Penetrate) (S) Explonage-Cuba," outlined the background of the (Penetrate) (S) case and recommended that contact be made by the FBI Liaison Agent with the Chief Postal Inspector to advise his of our desire to undertake the mail intercept program in Miami and that this memorandum contained Mr. Hoover's "OR" and his initial. Mr. Dick stated that the SSC staff did not have access to this memorandum and indicated access to it would probably be requested.

Wr. Dick then referred to a mail survey program conducted by the San Francisco Office of the FET relating to Chinese consumist propagands entering the United States which was known by the cryptonyo "CHIPHUP." He inquired as to Vannall's knowledge of this program. Vannall advised that from a review of material in Eureau files, he had learned that this operation was started in 1954 at which



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